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**NEDERLANDER CHOSEN
TO MANAGE AND OPERATE
THE MARICOPA COUNTY EVENTS CENTER**

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LOS ANGELES, CA (January 17, 2006) – The Nederlander Organization announced today that it has been chosen by Maricopa County to operate, manage, book and promote the Maricopa County Events Center, formerly known as the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts.

The Maricopa County Events Center is a 7,034-seat facility, located in the heart of Sun City West servicing all of Phoenix's metropolitan area. The venue was constructed in 1980 and donated to the Arizona State University (ASU) in 1984 as part of its Centennial Campaign. Maricopa County took over management of the facility from ASU in 2005 and county officials requested proposals for a new operation and management company late last year. Nederlander was awarded the multi-year contract this January and the agreement is effective immediately.

Known as the largest single level performing arts theater in the world, the venue has played host to various headline performers. Under Nederlander's management the Maricopa County Events Center will continue to bring live entertainment to the area with Broadway touring productions, musical acts and cultural events.

Maricopa County Supervisor, Max Wilson, District 4, said, "I am looking forward to working with the Nederlander organization for many years to come. This family run company has the ability and experience to not only benefit the performing arts center, but the citizens of our county."

Nederlander has appointed Dan Wohleen as General Manager for the Maricopa County Events Center to oversee production, ticketing, operations and day-to-day management of the facility. Mr. Wohleen has extensive venue management experience and is a veteran in the entertainment industry. A resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, Mr. Wohleen was formerly the Theater Operations Manager for Scottsdale's Cultural Council. His responsibilities included oversight of theatrical operations, front of house management and development as well as customer service. From 1992 – 1999, Mr. Wohleen worked for the Nederlander Organization as production manager for The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. Prior to Nederlander, Mr. Wohleen worked for 16 years as a tour manager for various music acts.

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"I look forward to working for Nederlander again and am honored to manage this renowned venue," said Wohleen. "For several years, the venue has brought entertainment and culture to the Phoenix area and we plan on continuing that excitement by programming quality events."

"Dan's experience and expertise in so many facets of theatre management brings instant credibility to the Maricopa County Events Center," said James L. Nederlander Jr., President of the Nederlander Organization. "Maricopa County is the fourth most populous county in the country and we look forward to delivering high-quality theatre, music and cultural events to this community and turn the venue into a facility that the people of Arizona can be proud of."

Adam Friedman, Nederlander Concerts' newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, said "The Maricopa County Events Center fits perfectly with our future expansion plans, deepening our strength on the West Coast. We are delighted about our exclusivity rights to operate and manage this venue, allowing us to continue offering unique routing opportunities for artists who already play many of our award-winning venues in the region. Likewise our strength on the West Coast will result in bringing top flight headlining acts and diverse programming to the fans of Phoenix."

The Nederlander Organization is a privately owned and operated business established in 1912 that owns and/or operates more than 26 live theatres and music venues in the United States and England including the Marquis (Andrew Lloyd Weber's The Woman in White), Gershwin (Wicked) and Nederlander (Rent) Theatres on Broadway; The LaSalle Bank Theatre in Chicago (formerly the Shubert under renovation); and the Dominion in London (We Will Rock You). Nederlander Concerts is headquartered in Los Angeles and books, promotes and produces premium live entertainment at such venues as the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim, the Staples Center in Los Angeles, the Rabobank Arena, Theatre & Convention Center in Bakersfield, the Save Mart Center at Fresno State and the San Diego Civic Theatre. Nederlander also exclusively books and promotes events at the Santa Barbara Bowl and The Grove of Anaheim. For the past 30 years. Nederlander has exclusively managed, operated and promoted the award-winning Greek Theatre in Los Angeles as well as booking live concerts at Los Angeles' Wilshire, Henry Fonda and Pantages Theatres. Nederlander Concerts also co-manages the Target Center in Minneapolis with the NBA's Timberwolves.

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